

Moral and Religious.

Moth-Eaten.

I had a beautiful garment,
And I laid it by with care;
I folded it close with lavender leaves,
In a napkin fine and fair;
"It is far too costly a robe," I said,
"For one like me to wear."
So never at noon or evening
I put my garment on;
It lay by itself, under clasp and key,
In the perfumed dusk alone,
Its wonderful "brotherly hidden"
Till many a day had gone.
There were guests who came to my portal,
And there were friends who sat with me,
And clad in soberest raiment
I bore them company;
I knew that I owned a beautiful robe,
Though its splendor none might see.
There were poor who stood at my portal,
There were orphaned sought my care;
I gave them the tenderest pity,
I had nothing beside to spare;
I had only the beautiful garment,
And the raiment for daily wear.

At last, on a feast-day's coming,
I thought in my dress to shine;
I would please myself with the luster
Of its shifting colors fine;
I would walk with pride in the marvel
Of its rarely rich design.

So out from the dust I bore it—
The lavender fell away—
And fold on fold I held it up
To the searching light of the day.
Alas! the glory had perished
While there in its place it lay.

Who seeks for fadeless beauty
Must seek for the that end
To the grace of a constant blessing,
The beauty that eye reveals.
For into the faded robe alone
The moth, with its blighting steals,
—Margaret E. Sawyer, in *Harper's Bazar*.

Family Worship.

The decline of family prayers is an evil no less serious than the decline of church attendance. Family worship should be like family life, free and unconstrained. The austerity and somberness with which many parents conduct family worship make the children dread rather than love it. Here is one instance which I know to have occurred in a strict Puritan household. The only son, a boy of eight or ten years, was following as best he could the morning lesson. Struck by some startling and paradoxical expression, he ventured to enquire: "Father, what does that mean?" "Hold your gable, and study your Bible," was the reassuring and edifying answer he received. And yet I have no doubt that for the thirty years that followed, in which that son took no interest and saw no beauty in religion, the father was secretly praying all the time for his conversion, and wondering why his prayers were not answered. Our children must be taught the masculine religion of thought and outward expression, as well as the feminine religion of sentiment and inward feeling, if they are to go out from our homes to found Christian homes of their own; if their religion is to stand the wear and tear of real life.—*President Hyde, of Bowdoin College.*

Stepping on a Shadow.

One dark night a man who was about to leave a steamboat saw what he supposed to be the gang-plank, but it was only a shadow. He stepped out upon it, and of course fell into the water below. He thought he was taking the right way, but his thinking so could not make any difference in the result, so long as he really did take it. Just so in matters of far greater importance. You must be right, not merely suppose you are right, if you are to avoid the evil consequences of wrongdoing. This man might have put it to the proof whether it was the gang-plank or not before trusting himself upon it. Do not be like him, but test your beliefs and see if they are well grounded. Many a young man has been ruined by a course of conduct which at first he felt sure would do him no harm. Many a man has followed his own notions of what is right, instead of taking God's word as a guide, and awakened in eternity to find that he had stepped upon a shadow and fallen.—*Exchange.*

Thistles and Bees.

Two Scotchmen emigrated in the early days to California. Each thought to take with him some memorial of his beloved country. The one of them, an enthusiastic lover of Scotland, took with him a thistle, the national emblem. The other took a swarm of honey-bees. Years have passed away. The Pacific Coast is, on the one hand, cursed with the Scotch thistle, which the farmers find impossible to exterminate; on the other hand, the forests and fields are fragrant and laden with the sweetness of honey, which has been, and is still, one of the blessings of the western slope of the Rocky Mountains. Even so does every Christian carry with him some thistle plucked from the old man, or honey from the new man, with which to bless or curse men, according as he makes choice for God. How precious is our influence; how we should watch and guard it!—*Selected.*

The Moors are said to have made paper from linen in the thirteenth century, all paper known before that being apparently made from cotton. In the British museum are some specimens of linen paper from the fourteenth century. Recently Professor Church has discovered an Episcopal register of 1273 from Auvergne, in which paper some strands remaining show to have been linen. This carries linen paper back further than was supposed.

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In General.

Light in the Sick-Room.

Still a custom prevails, despite all our
sanitary teachings, that the occupant of
the sick-room in the private house
should be kept at all hours in a dark-
ened room. Not one time in ten do
we enter a sick-room in the daytime to
find it blessed with the light of the sun.
Almost invariably, before we can get a
look at the face of the patient, we are
obliged to request that the blinds may
be drawn up, in order that the rays of
a much greater healer than the most
able physician can ever hope to be may
be admitted. Too often the compli-
ance with this request reveals a condi-
tion of room which in a state of
darkness is almost inevitably one of
disorder everywhere: foods, medicines,
furniture, bedding misplaced; dust and
stray leavings in all directions. In
brief, there is nothing so bad as a dark
sick-room; it is as if the attendants
were anticipating the death of the pa-
tient; and, if the reason for it be asked,
the answer is as inconsistent as the act.
The reason usually offered is that the
patient can not bear the light; as though
the light could not be shut off from the
patient by a curtain or screen, and as
though to darken one part of the room
it were necessary to darken the whole
of it. The real reason is an old
superstitious practice, which once pre-
valled so intensely that the sick, suffer-
ing from the most terrible diseases,
small-pox, for instance, were shut up
in darkness, their beds surrounded
with red curtains, during the whole of
their illness. The red curtains are
now pretty nearly given up, but the
darkness is still accredited with some
mysterious curative virtue. A more
injurious practice really could not be
maintained than that of darkness in the
sick-room. It is not only that dirt and
disorder are results of darkness, a great
remedy is lost. Sunlight is the remedy
lost, and the loss is momentous. Sun-
light diffused through a room warms
and clarifies the air. It has a direct
influence on the minute organic poi-
sons, a distinctive influence which is
most precious, and it has a cheerful
effect upon the mind. The sick should
never be gloomy, and in the presence
of the light the shadows of gloom fly
away. Happily the hospital ward, now
withstanding its many defects, and it
has many, is so far favored that it is
blessed with the light of the sun,
whenever the sun shines. In private
practice the same remedy ought to be
extended to the patients of the house-
hold, or surgeon on entering the dark
sick-room should be the dying words of
Goethe, "More light, more light!"
—B. W. Richardson, M.D.

Instinct or Reason?

There were three cats in a William
street family in Norwich, Conn., and
the lady of the house concluded that
one was sufficient to do all the business,
and an edict of death was passed on the
old cat and her kitten. The question
of the manner of death was settled
and chloroform purchased. Days passed
after the chloroform was in the house
before the executioner could muster
courage to execute the sentence. To
facilitate matters the lady thought
some laudanum added to the cat's milk
would produce a stupor that would
make the chloroforming more easy.
The drug was put in the milk and
tendered the old cat. She tasted the
food, cast her eyes suspiciously about
her, and refused to eat. The kitten
rushed to the dish to partake of the
milk and was violently knocked away
by the old cat, who took a corner of
a mat and covered over the dish to
hide it from the kitten and prevent her
from taking the "medicine." The lady
could not believe it possible that the
act was intentional on the part of the
cat and uncovered the dish and again
tendered the milk to her. She again
knocked the kitten from the dish and
covered it over more carefully than be-
fore. The repetition of the protective
act gained the good-will of the lady,
and she gave up killing the cats. She
could not satisfy her mind, however,
whether the action of the cat was
prompted by instinct or reason.—*Our
Dumb Animals.*

A Story of Camilla Urso.

The following little incident is re-
lated of the impulsive kindness of
Camilla Urso, the famous violinist:
While making one of her tours, she
stopped for a night in a small New
Hampshire town. She had retired early,
but was disturbed by talking immedi-
ately under her window, and she gradu-
ally became interested in the conversa-
tion. It seems that one of the young
men, an employee in a factory, had had
bequeathed to him, by a musical rela-
tive, a fine violin. Being a passionate
lover of music and possessed of con-
siderable talent, the young fellow de-
voted all his spare time to practice,
and was just now, in answer to some
question, recounting his progress to a
friend. "I know the music is there,"
said he, "and now and then it comes
to my bidding, but I would give the
world to hear, just once, that old violin
talk." In an instant madam was out
of her bed, and calling for her maid,
sent to the astonished youth this mes-
sage: "Bring me the violin and I will
make it talk." In a few moments
Camilla Urso stood in *robe de nuit*, in a
small room of a country hotel, making
the violin "talk" while just outside
her door the delighted owner of the in-
strument was drinking in the music for
which his soul longed.

Dogs in Church.

There was a custom in Scotland,
which may still continue, of dogs going
with their masters to the kirk, in coun-
try districts. About this many strange
stories are told. Among others it is
said that in one rural church the dogs
used to occupy a small gallery over
their masters' heads, and were always
well behaved. But one Sunday a
strange dog, which had been put with
the others, caused a general uproar
among them. It ended by the stranger
jumping over the front of the gallery
down into the church, and dashing out
at the door, with all the dog congrega-
tion in chase of him. It is also said
that a clergyman from Edinburgh,

when taking a service in a country
church to which the congregation
brought their dogs, was much surprised
at the people not rising as usual for him
to pronounce the blessing. He waited
some time, and at last the clerk bawled
out: "Say awa', sir, it's lost to cheat
the dawgs." They had found that
when the people stood up the dogs
thought it a sign of departure, and by
whining and barking showed their
pleasure. The people therefore kept
their seats, and the dogs were quiet.

Ladies, Make the Experiment.

Men and women who refuse to try
new ideas or new articles, virtually
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still, and check the advancement of
those things which conduce to happi-
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more into an ordinary life. Sweep-
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since did it not continue to please
and satisfy those who use it. It claims
much by way of reducing drudgery
and saving of wear and tear, and if it
fulfills its promises, the more it claims
the better; and the sooner you know
all about it, the sooner you will share
in the benefits afforded by a purely
scientific household article.

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ing money," or "convenient money,"
first issued in China 2637 B.C. Origin-
ally these notes were issued by the
treasury, but experience dictated a
change to the banks under government
inspection and control. The early
Chinese "greenbacks" were in all es-
sentials similar to the modern bank
notes. Over and above all was a la-
conic exhortation to industry and
thrift—"Produce all you can; spend
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